



***Substitute House Bill No. 5584***

***Public Act No. 06-58***

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE ROUTE 11 GREENWAY AUTHORITY COMMISSION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Subsections (c) and (d) of section 13a-142e of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

(c) Such ordinance shall also require the Commissioner of Environmental Protection and the Commissioner of Transportation, not later than sixty days after May 26, 2000, to call a meeting of said commission which shall, within ninety days thereafter:

(1) Hold public hearings for the purpose of developing standards for (A) defining the initial boundaries of the Route 11 Greenway, (B) planning the design, construction, maintenance and management of the Route 11 Greenway [trail system] and intermodal transportation access system, (C) identifying and prioritizing lands that should be added to the Route 11 Greenway, (D) recommending land use within the Route 11 Greenway, and (E) acquiring land and securing conservation easements for the Route 11 Greenway, except that nothing in public act 00-148\* shall be construed to prohibit the acquisition of land within the Route 11 Greenway by a municipality;

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and

(2) Establish by-laws by which the commission shall (A) conduct its meetings, including a provision specifying that no action by the commission shall be effective except by the concurring vote of at least four members, (B) protect and preserve the lands under its custody, (C) supervise staff, (D) maintain its records, and (E) report to the General Assembly, as required under subsection (d) of this section.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or the general statutes, the commission may: (1) Acquire or convey by purchase, gift, lease, devise, exchange or otherwise, any land or interest therein including, but not limited to, conservation easements, located wholly or partly in the conservation zone, provided [such acquisition does not utilize funds furnished by the state] state funds may be used only to the extent that such funds have been authorized specifically by an act of the General Assembly for the acquisition of land located within two thousand feet of the Department of Transportation's right of way; (2) transfer, with the approval of the commissioner, any land or interest therein to the state with or without consideration, provided any funds received therefor shall not be deemed funds furnished by the state for the purposes of this section; (3) contribute or transfer funds to, and enter into agreements with, land trusts or other conservation organizations, to carry out the purposes of public act 00-148\*; and (4) request the Commissioner of Transportation to acquire an interest in real property on behalf of the commission for use as part of the Route 11 Greenway [trail system] and, if acquired by said commissioner, accept the transfer of custody and control of such interest from said commissioner. Said commissioner may acquire any interest in real property for use as part of the Route 11 Greenway [trail system] in the same manner and with like powers as authorized and exercised by said commissioner in acquiring real property for highway purposes and may, upon request

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of the commission [and pursuant to an act of the General Assembly,] transfer custody and control of such interest in real property to the commission. The commission shall report to the General Assembly, on or before February fifteenth, annually, on its activities of the preceding year and on its finances. The existence of the commission shall terminate at such time as all of its member towns have withdrawn or it is abolished by the General Assembly.

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